

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

After entry of the foregoing amendment, Claims 1-24 remain pending in the present application. Claims 8-11 and 18-24 are amended to remove multiple dependencies, and Claims 9 and 23 are amended to correct typographical errors. No new matter is added.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 8-24 were objected to as drafted in improper dependent form, but otherwise allowable if drafted in proper dependent form; and Claims 1-7 were allowed.

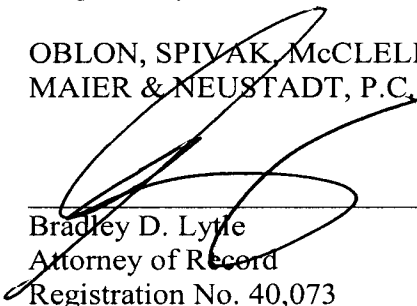
Applicants appreciatively acknowledge the identification of allowable subject matter as recited in Claims 1-24.

In response to the objections to Claims 8-24, Claims 8-11 and 18-24 are amended to depend from single claims. Original Claims 12-17 depend from a single claim, thus require no amendments. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the objections to claims 8-24 be withdrawn.

Consequently, in view of the present amendment, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance, and an early action favorable to that effect is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner deem that any further action is necessary to place this application in even better form for allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the below listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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